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FAULT-TOLERANT COMPUTER SYSTEM, RE-SYNCHRONIZATION METHOD

THEREOF AND RE-SYNCHRONIZATION PROGRAM THEREOF

<u>UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98</u>

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- 1. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2002-049501, published February 15, 2002 (with English Abstract).
- 2. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2000-200255, published July 18, 2000 (with English Abstract).

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